2014 Term 1
18 & 19 Mar—Student Photos
4 Apr—Last day Term 1

Spotlight

Student Leader Induction
Afternoon Tea
Student Leaders enjoyed this special occasion with their parents, Principal Ms Cooper, Mr Hull and special guest Councillor Trevor Roberts.

Next P & C meeting:
Date: Monday 10 March
Time: At 7pm
Where: U block
This meeting is a short AGM followed by a General meeting

Principal’s Note

RAIN RAIN RAIN

The weather has been great for the gardens and the farmers. The unpredictability of the storms has caused some disruption to a few planned events. Thank you to everyone for their understanding about the postponement of the Prep to Year 3 information evening. A decision was made during the day when it looked like the rain could stay quite heavy for the remainder of the day. Staff and parents have had to cope with all the changes that this decision has brought.

PREP INFORMATION evening is now on Tuesday 25 February.

FOOTWEAR IN THE RAIN

Many students are removing their shoes during the day as they say their shoes are too wet to continue to wear them. This has meant that some children have sore feet from walking on hard surfaces or cut their feet on unseen sharp edges. While this heavy rain is about we urge children to continue to wear something on their feet throughout the day to minimise foot injury.

School website upgrade
The school is in the process of preparing for an upgrade of its website. The go live date is the beginning of April. This new website will allow the use of the free QSchool App.

Great Results Guarantee
As many of you will be aware recently all schools received additional funds to support students. Annandale State School has been advised it is to receive $195,734.

The focus of the additional funding is for the early years students to achieve long term improvement in Literacy and Numeracy. The school is required to develop a plan detailing how it will expend the money in 2014. This plan will be ratified by our Regional Office. The guidelines for the funding allows the school the flexibility and autonomy to decide how the funding will be spent. Our plan is to use the funds to:

- hire additional staff to support Literacy and Numeracy programs; particularly Guided Reading;
- provide targeted professional development for teachers and teacher aides
- purchase additional learning tools targeted to support Literacy and Numeracy

Student performance will be measured throughout the year. Our school will be required to demonstrate how the extra funding is helping to maximise learning outcomes for all students.

At this stage, the school does not know if the funds are recurrent. It is our intention to get the best value for money to give all our students the best opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Learning is not a spectator sport!
At Annandale, everyone is an active member of the learning team.

Jan Cooper
Principal
Overview of Events Program Payment Schedule

Upcoming events are listed here to assist families and to keep families informed. If families are unable to meet the payment closing dates, please contact the school administration as soon as possible to make alternate arrangements. The cash collection window is open between 8:15 to 9:00am and 2:15 to 2:45pm.

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5 KEYS TO SUCCESS—
YOU CAN DO IT!

**Behaviour Focus Keys**

**Confidence:** Means trying something new and not being afraid of making mistakes.

**Persistence:** Means sticking to work that seems very hard or impossible to do and not giving up.

**Getting Along:** Means helping others with their school work, working nicely in small groups, and managing your temper when someone is mean to you or doesn’t do what you want.

**Resilience:** Means you are good at staying calm (you don’t get nervous, down or angry), calming down when you get upset and bouncing back to do your work and play with others.

**Organisation:** Means having all your school supplies with you at school and home, placing your past work into folders with dividers, having the goal to be successful and do your personal best, planning your time so that you do not rush your work.

**SPORTS TALK**

Our Interschool swimming squad was selected last week. Thank you to all the students who trialled and congratulations to those who were selected. Training begins next Wednesday at JCU Pool for the upcoming Interschool Carnival.

Season One sport begins on March 18 and students have been nominating for their respective sports and school activities. Permission notes will come out tomorrow with further details. Full payment must be made before your child can participate.

Well done to Connor Snow and Jonathan Van Aswegen for their selection in the Townsville Cricket Team that played in Charters Towers last weekend. Connor has also gained selection in the Northern Team for the upcoming State Championships so good luck!

Student Council Icy Cups on sale every Friday at the Big Shed. 50c each

**Chappy News**

It’s been great to see so many students visiting the games room during the lunch breaks. There’s so much to do. Students, come along and challenge your friends to a game of Uno, build a tower from the blocks, join in the different crafts or just come and have a chat with me. We would love to see you!

Chappy’s Tip for the week:
It’s okay if a problem occurs. In fact, it’s an opportunity to practice problem solving techniques.

**Chappy Ros**
School Chaplain
P & C NEWS

DEFENCE NEWS

Defence Parents Morning Tea

We would like to invite defence parents to join us from 8:50am Thursday mornings. Whether you are new to the school or have been here sometime, come along for a cuppa. It is a good opportunity to make new friends and have a morning out.

We are located in J Block (next to the basketball courts). Morning tea is provided.

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<td>No Morning tea will be held as we will be attending a DSTA Training day. Please join us again next week.</td>
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<td>NQ Area Holidays will be joining us. They will let us know about some great deals for Defence families. Come along and find out more. Perhaps they could help you get some ideas for the Easter holidays.</td>
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Tanya Hurditch & Karen Mitchell
Defence School Transition Aides
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P & C NEWS

P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The P&C AGM will be held Monday 10 March at 7pm in U block (in the Shed). A light supper and refreshments will be supplied from 6:30pm. A General Meeting will follow the AGM. At the AGM all P&C memberships will lapse. Application Forms for membership to the P&C can be obtained from the front office or The Tuckshop. The AGM is the only meeting where membership application will be accepted without being present at the meeting. Completed application forms can be returned to the front office or brought along to the AGM.

At the AGM all positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) will become vacant. It is with regret that the standing President, Treasurer, Secretary and Fundraising Coordinator will not be seeking re-election due to personal commitments.

Please note that a handover period is coordinated between the outgoing and incoming Executive Members, where they are informed of their roles and duties. Anyone who would be interested in an executive role can find the roles and responsibilities of the P&C Executive at the following website:


Nominations for any P&C Position can be forwarded to the P&C Secretary via the front office.

Sally Reynolds
P & C President

LOST PROPERTY

We have items of lost property from the end of last year.

Reading glasses – There are 6 pairs of varying colours and sizes from child’s to adult (one floral pair in a black case.) Two pairs of sunglasses, Three watches – pink, black and Angry Birds, 1 phone (pink), 1 PSP, 1 wallet, 1 purse, Assorted jewellery, USB. Items not claimed will be donated to a charity.

Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is the use of technology to bully a person or group. Bullying is repeated behaviour by an individual or group with the intent to harm another person or group.

In the case of cyberbullying the intended harm may be social, psychological and even, in extreme cases, physical. It can cause shame, guilt, fear, withdrawal, loneliness and depression.

Because children and young people are often online it can be hard for them to escape cyberbullying. Nasty messages, videos and gossip can spread fast online and are hard to delete. Sometimes the attackers can be anonymous and hard to stop. These factors make it harder for adults to see and harder to manage.

What does cyberbullying look like? Children can cyberbully each other in a number of ways, including:

- abusive texts and emails
- hurtful messages, images or videos
- imitating others online
- excluding others online
- nasty online gossip and chat

Is my child being cyberbullied?

Children often don’t tell adults about cyberbullying. They fear we will disconnect them from supportive friends and family and may overreact and make the situation worse. It’s important to look out for signs that your child may be the target of cyberbullying or struggling for other reasons.

Reassure your child that you are there to support them and help them, even if they have participated in part of the bullying. Keep them connected to supportive friends on and offline.

Resources for parents

Cybersmart has a range of age appropriate online information and related links to support parents in the education of themselves and their children.

- See more at: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au
ANNANDALE TAEKWONDO
Learn self defence in a family friendly environment.
Classes: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

ANNANDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE
PH: 0408 880 201
BullyStop Accredited Instructor

Northern Jets Baseball Club’s come & try sign on day, Saturday 22 Feb (juniors) 9am-12pm & Sunday 23 Feb (seniors) 9am-12pm at Jabiru Park, Condon. Phone 0450 410 485 for enquiries.

Wulguru Little Athletics: Season begins Saturday 1 March at 2:30pm at Wulguru Primary School, Edison St Wulguru. Ph: 0412 825 218 or 0408 702 038 for enquiries.

Annandale Falcons Football Club still has places for players born 2002-2009. Sign on online or at Tuesday Training from 5pm at Cranbrook Park. Everyone Welcome! See our website www.annandalefalcons.asn.au for more information contact secretary@annandalefalcons.asn.au ph 0402 936 155